

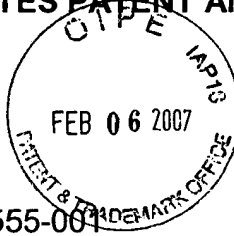
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:
KUNIO SEKIYA, ET AL.

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 24555-001

FILED: MARCH 23, 2001

FOR: METHOD OF PREVENTING CONTAMINATION
OF CANVAS USED IN PAPER MACHINE



GROUP ART UNIT: 1731

APPLICATION NO.: 09/486,483

EXAMINER: MARK HALPERN

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37

C.F.R. § 1.111 MAILED DECEMBER 8, 2006

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Final Office Action mailed December 8, 2006.
Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks/Arguments to the Final Office Action begin on page 4 of this Response.